

**DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES
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PLAY EQUIPMENT GUIDE

RECOMMENDATION FROM THE DIVISION OF HEALTH, WISCONSIN COMPREHENSIVE CHILD INJURY PREVENTION PROJECT (Nov. 1987): All play equipment should be kept in safe storage containers or areas. Toy chests should not have lids on them (strangulation risk). Child care staff should be cautioned about children swallowing small objects.

What is a Minimally Adequate Amount of Equipment According to Rule?

A mathematical value is assigned to each piece or combination of pieces relating to the number of children who could comfortably use the piece of equipment or interest area at one time. The total of this value is divided by three and compared to the licensed capacity in determining whether a minimum quantity of equipment has been provided. Consideration is given to the development of children who will use the equipment to assure that it is age appropriate.

Expendable art supplies are not counted in determining quantities of play equipment.

A minimally sufficient quantity of children's books is no less than one book for every two children.

Examples of mathematical values assigned to play equipment are:

32 unit blocks	1 child	Tricycle	1 child
Housekeeping area	4	Number sorter	1
Wood Puzzle	1	Pegs w/peg board	1
Climbing Triangle		Rocking Horse	1
(no accessories)	4	Play Gym	4, 6, or 8
Rocking Boat	4	(depending on size)	
Library Corner	4		
Water or sand play table	2, 4, 6 or 8 (depending on size)		
Easel with brushes, paper, paint	1 or 2 (depending on size)		

Rhythm instruments (set counts as 1 thing to do since children usually use them at the same time and not usually during free play period).

Mythical Center Inventory

Licensed capacity = 20 children

192 unit blocks	6	15 pieces assorted	
6 trucks	6	manipulative equip.	15
12 wooden puzzles	12	1 wheelbarrow	1
Library corner	4	3 tricycles	3
Housekeeping area	4	1 ball	1

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Lg. sand table with sand & access. 8
2sided easel w/supplies 2

Sixty-two things to do when all children are using equipment at the same time.

62) 3 = 20+ the minimum quantity of indoor equipment necessary to meet the requirements of the rule.

SAMPLES OF EQUIPMENT TO MEET THE REQUIREMENT FOLLOWS:

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“PROVIDE FOR LARGE MUSCLE DEVELOPMENT”

SAW HORSES	PLAY GYM
CRATES AND PLANKS	TRIKES - VARIOUS SIZES
KEGS	IRISH MAIL
BARRELS	HOLLOW BLOCKS
SEWER PIPES	PAIR OF STAIRS W/BOARD
TIRES	LADDER BOX
STUMPS	LADDER EXERCISER
LOGS	WOOD MONKEY LADDER
LARGE SPOOLS	DOLLY
INNER TUBES	SPRINGOLENE
CLIMBING NETS	DOME CLIMBER
CLIMBING ROPES	ROCKING HORSE
ROPE LADDER	SCOOTER
CLIMBING TRIANGLES (WOOD OR METAL)	WAGON VARIOUS SIZES
SWING SETS	HAND TRUCK
SEESAW	TUMBLING MAT
SLIDES	PUNCHING BAG
CLIMBING STRUCTURES	WHEELBARROW
ROCKING BOAT	BALLS VARIOUS SIZES
LARGE FLOOR TRAINS, BOATS, AIRPLANE	FABRIC CRAWL TUNNEL
TETHERBALL	JUMP ROPE
ADJUSTABLE BASKETBALL HOOPS	HOOPS
HOBBY HORSE	MERRYGOROUND
RR TIES	PACKING BOXES
GARDEN TOOLS	TELEPHONE POLES
MAYPOLE	TRUCKS

**“PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES AND FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF MANIPULATIVE SKILLS”**

Manipulative

NESTING BOXES
SHAPE SORTING BOX
DRESSING FRAMES:
 BUTTONING, TYING, SNAPPING,
 BUCKLING, ZIPPING

LOCK BOARD
STRINGING BEADS
DESIGN CUBES
GRADED CYLINDERS
PEGS AND PEG BOARD
PEG VILLAGE
NUT & BOLTS SETS
SNAP BLOCKS
RIGAJIG

COLOR CONE
LACING CARDS
LACING BOOTS
SHAPE DISCRIMINATION TOYS
SIZE DISCRIMINATION TOYS
WIDE VARIETY OF COLOR
DISCRIMINATION TOYS
WOOD DOMINOES
PLAY TILES
SMALL WOOD TABLE TRAIN AND TRACKS
HAMMER AND NAIL SET
RISING TOWERS
NUMBER SORTER
PUZZLES:
 WOOD, STANDUP, RUBBER, KNOB, SEE
 INSIDE

Construction

UNIT BLOCKS
WOOD AND CARBOARD
TABLE BLOCKS

HOLLOW BLOCKS
ALPHABET BLOCKS
FOAM BLOCKS

Any of a wide variety of interlocking blocks.

“ENCOURAGE SOCIAL INTERACTION”

HOUSEKEEPING CORNER

STOVE
REFRIGERATOR
CABINET
SINK
DISHES
POTS AND PANS
CUTLERY

DOLL BED
2 OR 3 DOLLS (BLACK, WHITE,
ASIAN & HISPANIC)
DOLL CARRIAGE
DOLL CLOTHES
TABLE AND CHAIRS
(2) TELEPHONES
IRONING BOARD
HIGH CHAIR
MIRROR
ROCKING CHAIR

CHEST OF DRAWERS
BROOM
MOP
DUST PAN
ASSORTED KITCHEN UTENSILS:
SCROUNGED TOASTER
STRAINER, COFFEE POT, EGG
BEATERS, ETC.

STETHESCOPE
SHOE POLISHING KIT
SHAVING EQUIPMENT
HAIR ROLLERS AND BRUSH
STUFFED ANIMAL
STORAGE FOR DRESS UP CLOTHES
DRESS UP CLOTHES:
HATS, SHOES, (MEN'S & WOMEN'S),
COMMUNITY WORKERS

STORE PLAY

FOLDAWAY STORE SCREEN OR COUNTER BOARD AND HOLLOW BLOCKS
CASH REGISTER
SCALES
PLAY MONEY
PAPER BAGS
SHOPPING BAGS
STOREKEEPER'S APRON
TELEPHONE
MERCHANDISE (LIMITED ONLY BY YOUR IMAGINATION)

BLOCK AND TRUCK AREA

UNIT BLOCKS HOLLOW BLOCKS
TRUCKS LARGE AND SMALL
CARS LARGE AND SMALL
RUBBER OR WOOD FIGURES
FAMILY , COMMUNITY WORKERS, FARM AND/OR ZOO ANIMALS
LARGE PIECES OR PLYWOOD
COLORED OIL CLOTH
BOATS
TRAINS
AIRPLANES
CLIP ON WHEELS
OPEN SHELF BLOCK STORAGE UNIT
KEGS OR SMALL BARRELS

“ENCOURAGE CREATIVE EXPRESSION”

MUSIC AND DANCE

RHYTHM INSTRUMENTS

TAMBOURINE	CYMBALS
SNARE DRUM	MARACAS
JINGLE CLOGS	GOURDS
TRIANGLE	TONE BLOCK
RHYTHM STICKS	TOMTOM
WRIST BELLS	BONGO DRUM
CASTANETS	BARREL DRUM
PIANO	AUTOHARP
KALIMBA	XYLOPHONE

PHONOGRAPH RECORDS RECORD RACK

FOLK MUSIC	CLASSICAL MUSIC
CHILDREN’S RECORDS	STORY RECORDS
MARCHING RECORDS	EXERCISE AND MOVEMENT RECORDS
JAZZ OR ROCK RECORDS	

WOODWORKING

WORKBENCH	SOFT WOOD SCRAPS
COPING SAW	HAMMER
WISE	CLAMP
HANDSAW	SCREW DRIVE
HAND DRILL	SCREWS AND LARGE NAILS (ROOFING)
GLUE	

ART

LONG HANDLE BRUSHES	EASEL
SCISSORS	NEWSPRINT 18 X 24
TEMPERA PAINT	MANILA PAPER
PASTE	CREPE PAPER
GLUE	CRAYPAS
CONSTRUCTION PAPER	CHALK WHITE AND COLORED
ASST. COLORS (9X12 12X18)	FELTTIP PENS
LARGE NOROLL CRAYONS	SCOTCH TAPE
COLORED PAPER TAPE	COLORED PENCILS
COLORED TISSUE	CLAY
PAPER PUNCH	PLAY DOUGH

To Encourage Creative Expression(Many Scrounged Items for Collage Box)

SPONGES	RUBBER BANDS	STRING	FINGER PAINT
CHARCOAL	STAPLER	LIQUID STARCH	FINGER PAINT PAPER

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SANDBOX AND/OR SAND TABLE

SHOVELS
PAILS
SPOONS
FUNNELS

ASSORTED DISHES
SMALL CARS AND TRUCKS
SAND OR ASSORTED LENTILS AND BEANS
STRAINERS, ETC.